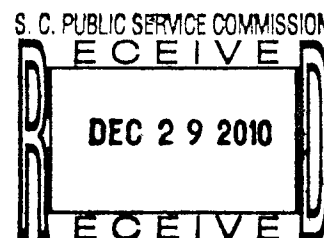


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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of )  
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Section 63.71 Application of )  
 ) File No.  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a )  
AT&T Southeast )  
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of )  
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, )  
To Discontinue the Provision of Service )



**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF AT&T SOUTHEAST**

AT&T Inc., on behalf of its incumbent local exchange carrier affiliate, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast, applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214 and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue offering Dedicated Metro Ethernet service throughout its nine state territory, which includes the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T Southeast provides the following information:

**Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):**

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast**  
Director – Product Marketing  
3535 Colonnade Pkwy – North  
W1F1  
Birmingham, AL 35243

**Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):**

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AT&T Southeast plans to discontinue offering this service to new customers on or after January 31, 2011 and to existing customers on or after June 30, 2011 based on contract requirements and subject to Commission approval of this application.

**Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b(2)):**

The services will be discontinued in the AT&T Southeast service territories in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

**Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b(2)):**

AT&T Southeast's Dedicated Metro Ethernet service provides physical and logical point-to-point Ethernet connectivity over dedicated facilities between two customer locations. AT&T provisions this service utilizing equipment that was discontinued in 2009. Based on the limited availability of spare equipment, AT&T cannot continue to offer this service.

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service because AT&T Southeast offers other Ethernet connectivity services in the same geographic areas where Dedicated Metro Ethernet is offered.

**Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):**

AT&T Southeast notified its customers by letter sent via U.S. Mail on December 13, 2010.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

**Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):**

AT&T Southeast is non-dominant in the provision of Dedicated Metro Ethernet as provided in *Petitions of AT&T Inc. & BellSouth Corp. for Forbearance, Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 22 FCC Rcd 18705 (2007).

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Director, Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 457-3039.

**Conclusion:**

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service because any future needs for comparable service can be met with AT&T Southeast's other Ethernet products. Therefore, AT&T Southeast respectfully requests the Commission to approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the provision of Dedicated Metro Ethernet service.

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T Inc.

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*Its Attorneys*

Dated: December 21, 2010



December 13, 2010

Broadwing, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1909  
Addison, TX 75001-1909

**Important Notice Regarding the Change of Service and Discontinuance of  
Dedicated Metro Ethernet provided by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
d/b/a AT&T Southeast**

Thank you for using AT&T for your business service needs. We want to make you aware of planned changes to your **Dedicated Metro Ethernet Service**, which will require coordination and action by you in the near future.

Dedicated Metro Ethernet Service provides point-to-point Ethernet connectivity between two locations to support the transmission of customer data. The equipment that AT&T uses to provide the Service is being retired by our supplier. AT&T has determined that there is no feasible "in-service" upgrade solution available to meet future commitments. For these reasons, subject to obtaining regulatory approval, AT&T will discontinue offering this Service to **new customers effective January 31, 2011**, in the AT&T Southeast Region (which includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee). Also, as of this date, customers currently subscribing to Dedicated Metro Ethernet Service may not renew contracts for this service, nor will orders be accepted for moves, additions and changes to service.

In addition, **Dedicated Metro Ethernet Service will be withdrawn on June 30, 2011**, and AT&T will discontinue providing this Service to **existing** customers on or after that date. To avoid service disruption, you must replace your existing Dedicated Metro Ethernet Service before June 30, 2011, if your term agreement expires by this date. If your term agreement ends after June 30, 2011, your service will need to be replaced when your current term expires.

Although AT&T plans to withdraw this service offering, your AT&T Account Executive, Tony Brinlee, at (214) 464-5555, stands ready to provide an alternative service as a replacement solution, including AT&T dedicated point to point or switched Ethernet solutions.

AT&T Wavelength Channel Service Basic Arrangement offers scalable bandwidth that is available at speeds from 100Mbps up to 10 Gbps. Customers benefit when they need to upgrade their bandwidth speed for new applications.

AT&T Premium Metro Ethernet Service is also available at a variety of speeds, and is backed by service level agreements (SLAs) for service availability and performance (latency). AT&T Premium Metro Ethernet Service is available in the same geographic areas in which Dedicated Metro Ethernet Service is offered.

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**To provide adequate time for this transition, the following restrictions to Dedicated Metro Ethernet Service are being implemented in conjunction with this notice:**

No new service contracts or term agreement renewals may be initiated after January 31, 2011. Following the expiration of your current Dedicated Metro Ethernet term agreement, service will be available on a month-to-month basis until June 30, 2011. During any month-to-month service period, AT&T may change the rates, terms and conditions of the service upon 30-day prior notice to Customer.

Moves, Additions, and Change orders will no longer be accepted after January 31, 2011. This means that, beginning February 1, 2011, new requests for physical changes to your service including the upgrade or downgrade of access/port speed, installation of new service, or moves to different service addresses will not be provisioned. This change applies to all customers including those under existing agreement (in the absence of specific contractual language in your current agreement to the contrary) or on a month-to-month basis.

Your AT&T account team is ready to discuss your needs to make this transition as smooth as possible. You will be contacted shortly to discuss this program in greater detail – or to discuss an alternate replacement solution from our AT&T service portfolio that best meets your needs.

We appreciate your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause.

If you have any question, please contact your AT&T Account Executive.

Sincerely,

Greg Harris  
Director, Product Marketing Management  
3535 Colonnade Pkwy – North  
W1F1  
Birmingham, AL 35243

On behalf of AT&T Southeast

**AT&T is required by the FCC to provide the following statement:**

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the section 63.71 Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuation (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, on this 21st day of December 2010, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

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Lacretia Hill

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